CLAIMS

- 1. An inverter transformer which is provided in an inverter circuit to invert DC into AC, and which transforms a voltage inputted at a primary side and outputs the transformed voltage at a secondary side, the inverter transformer comprising a plurality of winding units, each comprising: a bar-shaped magnetic core; and a primary winding and a secondary winding which are wound around the bar-shaped magnetic core, and which have respective leakage inductances, wherein the primary windings are wound around respective magnetic cores in such a manner that a magnetic flux generated in one magnetic core by a current flowing through a primary winding provided around the one magnetic core is directed opposite to a magnetic flux generated in another magnetic core adjacent to the one magnetic core by a current flowing through a primary winding provided around the adjacent magnetic core.
- 2. An inverter transformer according to Claim 1, wherein at least one portion of each winding unit is covered with respect to a longitudinal direction by a magnetic resin formed of a resin containing a magnetic substance.
- 3. An inverter transformer according to Claim 2, wherein the magnetic resin covers an entire portion of each winding unit.
- 4. An inverter transformer according to Claim 2, wherein the magnetic resin covers at least one of: both end portions of each winding unit; and a portion of each winding unit located at a boundary area between the primary and secondary windings.
- 5. An inverter transformer according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein an external unit having a larger saturation magnetic flux density than the magnetic resin is disposed so as to cover at least one portion of a circumference of a transformer body which comprises the plurality of winding units and the magnetic resin.
- 6. An inverter transformer according to Claim 5, wherein the external unit has a smaller magnetic resistance than the magnetic resin.
- 7. An inverter transformer according to Claim 5 or 6, wherein the external unit has one of a squared C configuration and a substantially circular configuration in cross section so as to cover the circumference of the transformer body.

- 8. An inverter transformer according to Claim 5 or 6, wherein the external unit comprises a plurality of members, and the members are combined into a box configuration so as to cover the transformer body.
- 9. An inverter transformer according to any one of Claims 5 to 8, wherein the external unit is a sintered compact.
- 10. An inverter transformer according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, wherein the magnetic resin has a smaller relative magnetic permeability than the bar-shaped magnetic cores.
- 11. An inverter transformer according to any one of Claims 2 to 10, wherein the magnetic substance contained in the resin is one of Mn-Zn ferrite, Ni-Zn ferrite, and iron powder.